(c) and (d) No, Sir. The area proposed for diversion is neither included in any National Park or Wildlife Sanctuary nor does it form part of any significant wildlife habitat.

Proposals under Forests Act, 1980 from State Government of Uttaranchal

385. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) total number of proposals for granting approval under Forests Act, 1980 received from the State Government of Uttaranchal during the last two years;

(b) whether all the said proposals have been granted approval; and

(c) if not, reasons for not granting approval and by when all these schemes would be approved?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Out of total 264 proposals received from Government of Uttaranchal for approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 during last two years (2002 and upto November, 2003), 179 proposals have been approved by Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Out of balance 85 proposals, 15 proposals have been rejected on merit and 70 proposals have been closed/returned to the State Government due to incomplete information.

Phasing out of use of CFCs

386. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is committed to phasing out of use of Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) which release ozone depleting Greenhouse Gases (GHGs);

(b) whether it is also a fact that India will receive US $ 52 million in aid to completely phase out the production and consumption of toxic chemical Carbon Tetrachloride; and

(c) if so, the details of funding?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.